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1. In January 1953, the rumor was spread in Sofia that counterfeit bank notes of 25 and 100 leva denominations were in circulation. These notes were actually part of a consignment of new notes which had been printed in the USSR and were lost en route to the Bulgarian National Bank. They were later put into circulation without first passing through the National Bank.
2. The notes which were illegally put into circulation are 25 leva notes of the AP series and 100 leva notes of the AM series. Some 25 leva notes whose numbers are prefixed by AP have, however, been issued by the National Bank but shops have refused to accept them because they have not been informed which serial numbers the valid notes bear and are therefore unable to distinguish between "good" and "bad" notes.

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